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1. The dissident Communist group in Argentina headed by Aurelio A. Bracco and Rodolfo Puigros, which had its beginning in October 1946 at the XI and last National Congress of the Argentine Communist Party (CPA), currently presents no serious danger to the CPA. Except for its influence in the railroad workers' union La Fraternidad, the dissident group lacks importance. Its activities are very circumscribed and do not embrace the entire country as do those of the CPA.
2. However, the group's leaders are active and enthusiastic workers. Bracco has recently been visiting provincial capitals in the interior of the country for the purpose of forming small units sympathetic to the cause. The group has already become active in San Martin, Valentin Alsina, Gerli, and Wilde, towns along the periphery of greater Buenos Aires. Both Bracco and Puigros claim to be satisfied with the progress of their movement and point out that since all Communists adhere to Peron's social reforms, the dissident group has been able to operate in a favorable and friendly atmosphere which enables them to draw members from the CPA.
3. The numerical strength of the group is estimated between 900 and 1000 members. Associated with Bracco and Puigros are Enrique Hourcade, Andres Bosca, Norberto Mac Lennan, J. Luis Obaya, Antonio Santos, Wilfredo Rossi, E. A. Buezas, Angel Cairo, Luis Cairo, Pascual Marinaro, and Raul Lopez.
4. The Argentine police allows this group complete freedom of public action. The Sub-Secretariat of Press and Propaganda has distributed the group's releases to the official press.

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